



May 19-21, 2026 | Charlotte, NC

The Housing Innovation Summit is a three-day immersive experience that brings together a diverse network of decision-makers dedicated to lowering the cost of housing and unlocking new opportunities. Day 1 showcases innovation in the wild with guided tours of three impactful projects that illustrate the journey from concept to implementation, followed by Pitchfest, where twelve new solutions take center stage. Days 2 and 3 build momentum through curated thematic explorations and interactive sessions, blending big-picture dialogue with small-group collaboration.

TUESDAY, MAY 19 | 8:30AM – 1:00PM



INNOVATION IN ACTION TOURS

AM 8:30

DEPART FROM THE CASEY

1837 North Tryon St.

PATHWAY COMMUNITIES, presented by:

Chris Moeller, *Founder & CEO, Orion Growth/ Pathway Communities*

BROOKHILL VILLAGE, presented by:

Mike Griffin, *Partner, Griffin Brothers Companies*

SPACECRAFT CITY, presented by:

Sarah Baxandale, *Director of Development, Spacecraft City*

PM 12:00

LUNCH

Located at Optimist Hall

PM 1:00

TRANSPORT TO THE CASEY

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TUESDAY, MAY 19 | 1:30PM – 6:00PM

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PITCHFEST AND OPENING RECEPTION

- AM 1:30 DOORS OPEN**
- PM 2:00 PITCHFEST KICKOFF**
Chris Langford, *Founder & Managing Partner, Home Technology Ventures*
- PM 2:15 LIVE PITCHES**
Jon Gamble, *Co-Founder & CTO, Fordje*
Oliver Alexander, *Founder & CEO, Prophetic AI*
Matt Kligerman, *Founder, DirtAI*
Dayne Littlewood, *Co-Founder, HumanKind Homes*
Ben Johnson, *Founder & CEO, Scaffold*
Mollie Claypool, *Founder & CEO, AUAR*
Jeremie Romand, *Founder & CEO, Attain*
Mike Schneider, *Founder & CEO, Acre Homes*
Tyler Fallon, *Founder & CEO, Casa*
Susan Dong, *Chief of Staff, FRAM Energy*
Julien Fraiha, *Head of Partnerships, Ownwell*
Rodrigo Vicuna, *CEO, Wealthie*
- PM 4:00 HOUSING INNOVATION SUMMIT OPENING RECEPTION**
Pitchfest Winners Announcement at 5:30
- PM 6:00 DINNER / EVENING EVENTS**
Choose your own journey



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 | 8:00AM – 8:30PM

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INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

- AM 8:00 NETWORKING BREAKFAST**
Beverages & Light Breakfast Available
- AM 9:00 OPENING REMARKS**
Dennis Steigerwalt, *President, Housing Innovation Alliance*
- AM 9:30 LOCAL REGULATORY IMPACT ON HOUSING**
Ian Hughes, *VP Government Affairs, Meritage Homes*
Hon. Andrew Ginther, *Mayor, City of Columbus, OH*
Lawana Mayfield, *City Council Member At-large, City of Charlotte, NC*
- AM 10:15 STRATEGIC ACTIONS CITIES ARE TAKING TO LOWER COSTS**
Dennis Steigerwalt, *President, Housing Innovation Alliance*
Chad Reed, *VP Programs & Strategy, Ivory Innovations*
Dejan Eskic, *Director of Research, Ivory Innovations*
Tim Corcoran, *Director of Planning, City of South Bend, IN*
- AM 10:45 BREAK**
- AM 11:00 THE BIGGEST INNOVATION IS A SHIFT IN HEARTS AND MINDS**
Dan Horner, *Founder & Partner, True Homes*
- AM 11:30 HOUSING INNOVATION CHALLENGE:
OVERVIEW AND FINALISTS ANNOUNCEMENT**
Bobby Vance, *Director, Housing Innovation Challenge*
Richard King, *Advisor, Housing Innovation Challenge*
Hon. Vy Lyles, *Mayor, City of Charlotte, NC*
Brett Welch, *Director of Innovation, Meritage Homes*
- PM 12:15 BREAK & LUNCH**
- PM 1:15 FORESIGHT WORKSHOP: BUILDING A 10 YEAR INNOVATION ROADMAP**
Gabe Cervantes, *Director, Scalable Foresight, Institute for the Future*
Susanne Forchheimer, *Vantage Program Director, Institute for the Future*



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 | 8:00AM – 8:30PM

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- PM 3:15** **BREAK**
- PM 3:30** **THE FUTURE OF TALENT: AI, AUTOMATION AND RESKILLING**
Lance Manlove, *Director of Innovation, Schell Brothers*
Marina Zhavoronkova, *Executive Director, TradeFutures*
Alec Schnall, *President, TradeTrax*
- PM 4:00** **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ROLE TO ENABLE INNOVATION**
Charbel Barakat, *VP & Counsel - Public Policy, DR Horton*
Hon. Andrew Hughes, *Deputy Secretary, HUD*
- PM 4:45** **INNOVATION SANDBOX UPDATES AND DAY 2 WRAP-UP**
Dennis Steigerwalt, *President, Housing Innovation Alliance*
Chris Langford, *Founder & Managing Partner, Home Technology Ventures*
- PM 5:30** **EVENING RECEPTION OPENS**
Heist Barrel Arts @ 1030 Woodward Ave
- PM 8:30** **EVENING RECEPTION CONCLUDES**

THURSDAY, MAY 21 | 8:00AM – 4:00PM

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INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

- AM 8:00** **NETWORKING BREAKFAST**
- AM 9:00** **OPENING REMARKS**
Dennis Steigerwalt, *President, Housing Innovation Alliance*
- AM 9:10** **BUILDING TALENT FOR A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO AFFORDABILITY**
Chris Langford, *Founder & Managing Partner, Home Technology Ventures*
Todd Usher, *Founder and President, Addison Homes, and MRED Program Director, Clemson University*

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- AM 9:45** **WHAT'S NEXT FOR BTR AND SFR?**
Brad Greiwe, *CEO, Quarterra*
Rich Rodriguez, *COO, Amherst Residential*
Mike Schneider, *Founder & CEO, Acre*
- AM 10:30** **BREAK**
- AM 10:40** **FROM BLUE SUITS TO GREEN HOMES**
Amy Jacobs, *Community Engagement Manager, Housing Innovation Alliance*
Dennis Webb, *VP of Operations, Fulton Homes*
- AM 11:00** **THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS
ALTERNATIVE HOUSING BENEFITS PLATFORM**
Chris Langford, *Founder & Managing Partner, Home Technology Ventures*
Amanda Cahn, *Executive Director of Retention and Rewards,
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools*
Niles Lichtenstein, *Co-Founder and CEO, Nestment*
- AM 11:45** **CLOSING REMARKS**
Dennis Steigerwalt, *President, Housing Innovation Alliance*
Chris Langford, *Founder & Managing Partner, Home Technology Ventures*
- AM 11:30** **LUNCH**
Grab and Go Options Available
- PM 12:00** **HOUSING INNOVATION CHALLENGE PHASE 2 KICK-OFF WORKSHOP**
Bobby Vance, *Director, Housing Innovation Challenge*
Richard King, *Advisor, Housing Innovation Challenge*
University Teams
Builder Teams